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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 22, 1863.

To the House of Representatives :

In response to your resolution of the 10th inst., I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering "a list of the officers of artillery in the provisional army, for the performance of ordnance duty, appointed since the 16th day of September, 1862," and the "roll of merit" reported by the Board of Examiners.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF WAR.

C. S. A., WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, Va., Dec. 19, 1863. }

To the President of the Confederate States :

SIR : In response to a resolution of the House of Representatives, adopted on the 10th instant, I have the honor to transmit :

1st. "A list of the officers of artillery in the provisional army, for the performance of ordnance duty, appointed since the 16th day of September, 1862, showing the rank of each and the duty to which he is assigned."

2d. The "roll of merit" reported by the board of officers, constituted by general order No. 68, of 1862, and referred to in general order No. 12, of 1863, as the general roll of merit established by the examiners.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

*ROLL OF MERIT of Artillery Officers for Ordnance Duty, reported by
Board of Officers constituted by General Orders No. 68, A. & I. G. O.,
Series of 1862:*

Order of Merit.	Passed as Captains.	States.
No. 1,	Wm. Allen.....	Virginia.
" 2,	J. Wilcox Brown.....	"
" 3,	J. C. Little.....	"
" 4,	Charles Grantan.....	"
" 5,	Woodville La'ham.....	Louisiana.
" 6,	Jas. Dinwiddie.....	Virginia.
" 7,	Jas. M. Boyd.....	"
" 8,	C. C. Puckney.....	South Carolina.
" 9,	John M. Gregory.....	Virginia.
" 10,	Thos. W. Paroe.....	North Carolina.
" 11,	Jas. G. Clarke.....	District of Columbia.
" 12,	C. L. C. Minor.....	Virginia.
" 13,	Henry Seabrook.....	South Carolina.
" 14,	Leonidas Points.....	Virginia.
" 15,	Paul C. Venable.....	"
" 16,	Wm. N. McDonald.....	Kentucky.
" 17,	H. P. Cochran.....	Virginia.
" 18,	Geo. Little.....	Alabama.
" 19,	Chas. F. Vandertord.....	Missouri.
" 20,	L. R. Evans.....	Texas.
" 21,	W. H. Warren.....	Tennessee.

Order of Merit.	Passed as 1st Lieutenants.	States.
No. 1,	C. W. Temple.....	Virginia.
" 2,	John N. Cullingsworth.....	"
" 3,	J. C. Calhoun.....	South Carolina.
" 4,	Wm. N. Fontana.....	Virginia.
" 5,	Powell Harrison.....	"
" 6,	John F. Porteous.....	South Carolina.
" 7,	John Morris, Jr.....	Virginia.
" 8,	Wm. H. Clark.....	"
" 9,	George W. Bassett.....	"
" 10,	R. C. Wortham.....	"
" 11,	John M. Payne.....	"
" 12,	John Forrest.....	South Carolina.
" 13,	Henry Dufforth.....	"
" 14,	R. E. Baker.....	Mississippi.
" 15,	W. W. Henry.....	Virginia.
" 16,	S. W. Monroe.....	South Carolina.
" 17,	Richard Walker, Jr.....	Virginia.
" 18,	Jch. S. Cole.....	District of Columbia.
" 19,	R. W. Anderson.....	North Carolina.
" 20,	H. Esch.....	Virginia.
" 21,	H. S. Cunningham.....	Georgia.
" 22,	Jas. N. Blackell.....	Louisiana.
" 23,	Jas. S. Hayward.....	South Carolina.
" 24,	Kimlock Nelson.....	Virginia.
" 25,	Jas. H. George.....	Alabama.
" 26,	Ed. Mayek.....	South Carolina.
" 27,	C. P. Bell.....	North Carolina.
" 28,	John L. Blackburn.....	Virginia.
" 29,	E. C. Roberts.....	Missouri.
" 30,	Walter Holtsaday.....	Virginia.
" 31,	M. C. Burke.....	Alabama.
" 32,	John S. Tucker.....	Missouri.
" 33,	Albet Stewart.....	South Carolina.
" 34,	E. C. Gordon.....	Virginia.
" 35,	W. A. Parker.....	Alabama.
" 36,	M. H. Hanston.....	Virginia.
" 37,	E. H. Boyd.....	"
" 38,	R. V. Booth.....	Mississippi.
" 39,	W. J. Morrisett.....	Virginia.
" 40,	Hodajah Meade.....	"
" 41,	Dabney Cosby, Jr.....	"
" 42,	T. E. Wrenn.....	"
" 43,	S. H. Coleman.....	Tennessee.
" 44,	W. O. English.....	Virginia.
" 45,	Geo. H. King.....	Georgia.
" 46,	Wm. A. Shepard.....	Virginia.
" 47,	J. W. Stewart.....	Tennessee.
" 48,	Jas. E. Webb.....	Alabama.
" 49,	Horace E. Ross.....	Tennessee.
" 50,	E. J. Thompson.....	Maryland.
" 51,	Bradford Nicol.....	Tennessee.

Order of Merit

Names of Soldiers

Regiment

1	W. F. Adams	1st Regt.
2	Wm. Adams	1st Regt.
3	J. P. Adams	1st Regt.
4	S. M. Adams	1st Regt.
5	W. Adams	1st Regt.
6	H. Adams	1st Regt.
7	H. Adams	1st Regt.
8	J. Adams	1st Regt.
9	C. N. Adams	1st Regt.
10	J. W. Adams	1st Regt.
11	H. Adams	1st Regt.
12	D. Adams	1st Regt.
13	C. Adams	1st Regt.
14	C. O. Adams	1st Regt.
15	A. O. Adams	1st Regt.
16	H. W. Adams	1st Regt.
17	J. Adams	1st Regt.
18	W. Adams	1st Regt.
19	J. Adams	1st Regt.
20	T. M. Adams	1st Regt.
21	J. M. Adams	1st Regt.
22	C. F. Adams	1st Regt.
23	W. A. Adams	1st Regt.
24	C. Adams	1st Regt.
25	W. C. Adams	1st Regt.
26	J. M. Adams	1st Regt.
27	George Adams	1st Regt.
28	L. W. Adams	1st Regt.
29	N. E. Adams	1st Regt.
30	J. P. C. Adams	1st Regt.
31	R. P. Adams	1st Regt.
32	T. W. Adams	1st Regt.
33	R. J. Adams	1st Regt.
34	W. G. Adams	1st Regt.
35	O. Adams	1st Regt.
36	H. H. Adams	1st Regt.
37	N. Adams	1st Regt.
38	J. L. S. Adams	1st Regt.
39	B. B. McKnight	1st Regt.
40	J. H. Adams	1st Regt.
41	W. W. Adams	1st Regt.
42	J. W. Adams	1st Regt.
43	A. Adams	1st Regt.
44	T. Adams	1st Regt.
45	H. Adams	1st Regt.
46	H. Adams	1st Regt.
47	M. Adams	1st Regt.
48	K. A. Adams	1st Regt.
49	T. Adams	1st Regt.
50	E. Adams	1st Regt.
51	E. Adams	1st Regt.
52	C. Adams	1st Regt.
53	T. Adams	1st Regt.
54	A. J. Adams	1st Regt.
55	J. W. Adams	1st Regt.
56	A. Adams	1st Regt.
57	A. Adams	1st Regt.
58	A. Adams	1st Regt.
59	H. Adams	1st Regt.
60	H. Adams	1st Regt.

Official:

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Richmond, December 18, 1863. }

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